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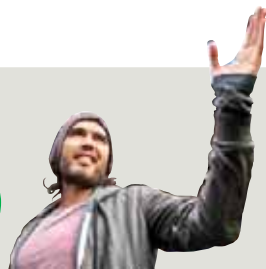
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# Election expected to shake up Alberta

## TO THE POLLS

## Voters prepare for a possible big shuffle of political scene



**Jeremy Nolaïs**  
Metro | Calgary

An early election many initially pegged as a cakewalk for Progressive Conservative Leader Jim Prentice comes to a close Tuesday, with many polls showing his party trailing in third place, and some pundits offering predictions of an NDP minority — even majority — government.

"Alberta's always had earthquake elections," said Melanee Thomas, a political scientist at the University of Calgary. "Whenever we do change government, it's really unexpected. It's been that way since Confederation."

Thomas does see a path where Prentice's PCs could maintain power but said it would require the governing party of 43 years to lock down the majority of Calgary's 25 ridings and then take roughly half of the remaining seats across the province.

But she noted controversy has followed the blue campaign machine at every turn. The latest chapter came on Monday as the details of a rocky marriage involving former justice minister



**PC Leader Jim Prentice speaks with media after meeting with supporters on a visit to the Italian Centre during a campaign stop in Edmonton on Monday. Many pollsters and pundits believe his party's long reign of power will come to an end on Tuesday.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jonathan Denis came to light. That alone could very well cost the PCs the Calgary-Acadia seat, where Denis serves, Thomas said.

But elsewhere, some voters who've made up their minds to park a vote with an opposition party say they're still torn.

Mother-of-two Tannis Wade was impressed with NDP Leader Rachel Notley during the lone televised debate of the campaign but said the party's candidate in her riding doesn't have much of a profile.

Because of that, she's toyed with crossing the political spectrum and marking an "X" next to the Wildrose candidate.

"I tend to make decisions with my heart. I will probably still go

## Alberta's always had earthquake elections.

Melanee Thomas, University of Calgary political scientist

NDP but I really have some reservations," she said.

University of Calgary student Kean Bexte has been volunteering with the Wildrose. He said the Tories "have shot themselves in the foot enough times" that they won't be relevant come results time Tuesday.

"As least I hope they're not a contender," he said. "We really

have a decision to make, whether we want to have a socialist NDP government or we want a government that's going to speak for Albertans."

Stephen Carter, founder of QED Marketing and a senior campaign strategist who helped Alison Redford to victory in 2012, said this election could come down more to people voting against a certain party than for one.

"There will be a group of people who vote against the PCs, there will be a group of people who vote against the NDP and there will be a group who vote against the Wildrose," he said. "And I don't know which group is bigger."

## FIVE QUESTIONS

## What could happen after the polls close?

### 1. Will the Tory dynasty live on or be hit by an orange wave?

Calgary is being portrayed as the prime battleground come Tuesday, with all five major parties having a stake in at least one race.

Many politicians now believe NDP candidate Joe Ceci is the man to beat in Calgary-Fort, but questions remain about whether the orange surge will be enough to push his peers over the top in other city ridings.

"Of all the NDP candidates, he has the highest name recognition, he's a former councillor of that area ... he's winning the sign war," said Duane Bratt, a political scientist at Mount Royal University.

Bratt said he also sees good things out of NDP candidate Stephanie McLean in the progressive Calgary-Varsity riding, and there's also the potential for an NDP win over Liberal Leader David Swann in Calgary-Mountain View, he said.

### 2. Will a tight race spur a rush to polls?

Recent polls have indicated we could have a three-way race on our hands, but it's not clear if supporters will flood into polling stations. Stephen Carter, founder of QED Marketing, said certainly more will show than it appeared from the outset, but he expects the overall turnout will still be slightly less than half, which he said "is pathetic."

Carter said low turnout generally favours the incumbent, but said, "Now I'm starting to think low turnout will favour the upstart."

### 3. Will recent controversy impact certain races?

The Tories have been plagued by negative headlines on the home stretch of their campaign: from former party candidate Jamie Lall sharing controversial texts from executive director Kelley Charlebois; to ex-justice minister Jonathan Denis having to detail his rocky marriage in court after his wife filed for an emergency protection order.

"When the media's reporting those stories, they're not reporting the stories you want them to report," Carter said. "So the messages that the people hear are all these little thousand-cut messages and, ultimately, it harms you."

### 4. Will the Alberta Party earn its legislature stripes?

Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark has said he's hardly stopped hitting the doors since losing in a tight byelection race to Education Minister Gordon Dirks in October. Now, the pair appear to be neck-and-neck again, and it's shaping up as a nail-biter on election night.

### 5. Will the Liberal strongholds change colours?

David Swann attempted to court support for keeping Calgary-McCall, the former riding of Darshan Kang, shaded red. Kang is leaving to run federally, as is Calgary-Buffalo Liberal incumbent Kent Hehr, who did endorse his successor David Khan in a recent video post.

Carter believes the only seat that could remain Liberal, however, is Swann's Mountain View. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



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## IN BRIEF

**Hatchet-wielding man wearing roller skates robs store: Police**

Police are on the hunt for a man who robbed a convenience store and used roller skates to get away.

Close to midnight Sunday, a man wearing a red jumpsuit, a black ski mask and 1970s-style roller skates and wielding a hatchet robbed a 7-Eleven in the 3300 Block of 64 Street NE.

Police said the man escaped with a number of undisclosed items. No one was injured, and the only description police have to go on so far is the offender was a lone white male aged 25 to 35.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact them at 403-266-1234 or report anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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**New public middle schools get their names**

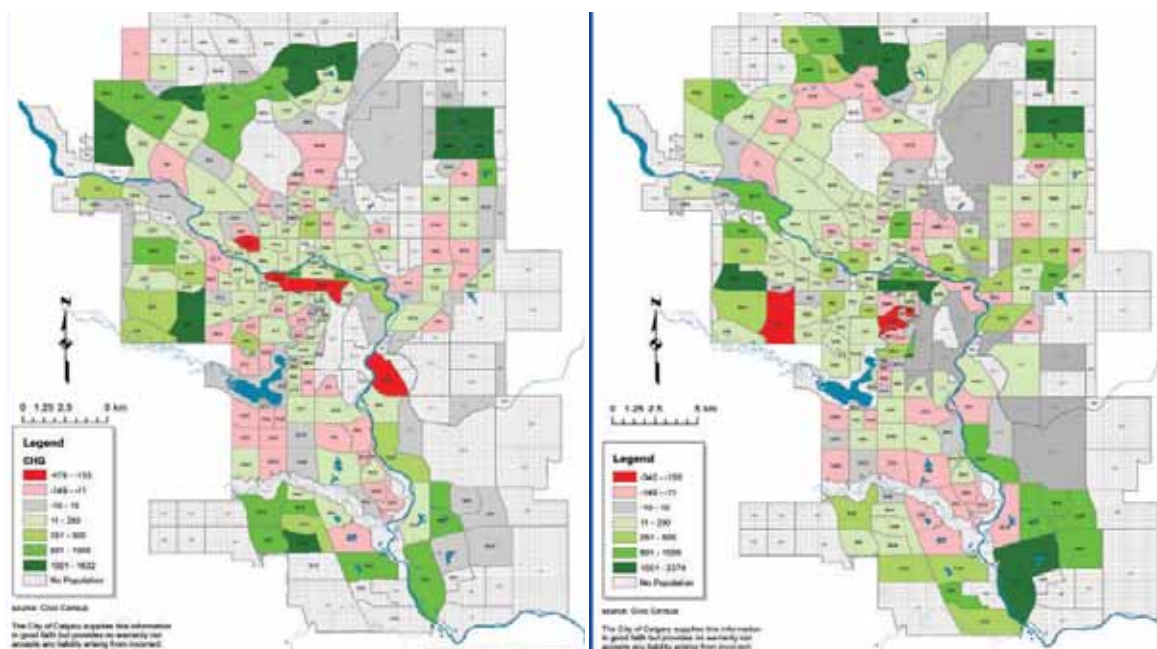
Calgary's public school board has names for three of its new middle schools.

The Calgary Board of Education announced the facility in Evergreen will be known as Marshall Springs School, a reference to a man-made wetland in Fish Creek Park.

The new site in McKenzie Town will be known as McKenzie Highlands School, a reference to the Scottish theme of the community.

A third school for New Brighton-Copperfield will be named Dr. Martha Cohen after a famed community builder and philanthropist who herself was a CBE graduate.

All three schools are expected to open in fall 2016. METRO



The map at the left shows population changes, by community, from 2001 to 2002. The map at the right shows the same from 2013 to 2014. Dark green indicates the largest population gains, dark red the largest population losses. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY

# Once-shrinking areas now leading boom

## POPULATION

## Inner-city communities seeing influx of residents



**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's growth patterns appear to have radically altered over the past decade, with some inner-city communities that were once seeing an exodus of people now experiencing the largest influx of new residents, according to data presented to

city council Monday.

Conversely, some suburban neighbourhoods that were leading the city in population growth at the turn of the 21st century actually saw a net decrease in residents in the latest available census data from last year.

One of the most significant trend reversals happened in the Beltline communities, which led the city in population loss from 2001 to 2002 and then saw among the largest population increases anywhere in Calgary from 2013 to 2014.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is Signal Hill near the city's western periphery, which was among the fastest-growing communities in 2002 and then

one of the fastest shrinking in 2014.

Part of this is due to the natural "life cycle" of neighbourhoods, said Kathy Dietrich, the city's manager of corporate growth management, who noted new communities typically max out in population after about 20 years and then see a small decline before the population levels off and stays relatively constant.

"Over time our family sizes have gotten smaller, so often fewer people live in these communities from the time they were first constructed," Dietrich said.

But the changes also appear indicative of a larger "demographic pattern," Dietrich noted,

in terms of where growth is occurring.

Of the roughly 28,000 new residents in 2002, she said 86 per cent "were absorbed in the greenfield areas," while 14 per cent went to "the developed or existing communities."

Conversely, in 2014, about 58 per cent of the roughly 38,000 new residents ended up in new communities and 42 per cent in established areas.

"These are only one-year snapshots, and we can be looking at very minor changes in population over that one year," Dietrich cautioned. "So much more in-depth detailed analysis is required on population trends to truly understand the information."

## REPORT

## Growth fuelling corporate emissions

The City of Calgary's corporate greenhouse gas emissions have risen slightly over three years, something city staff say is a reflection of population growth.

The City of Calgary Corporate Environment Health and Safety annual report was released Friday. The report includes many of the city's efforts to manage commercial environmental impact by reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions — something Sharon Young, director of environmental and safety management, said is a struggle as the city continues to see rapid growth.

"When we look at the City of Calgary, the boundaries are expanding," said Young. "Our services have to move further out.... We do find that we're spending a lot more time on the road with more vehicles."

Since 2012, corporate greenhouse gas emissions have gone up incrementally, which Young said was a direct result of growth.

In 2012, the city saw a drastic dip in emissions, which translated to a 43 percent drop from the 2005 baseline. Now that number has crept back up, translating to a 39 per cent drop in emissions below the 2005 baseline.

"All of our services go up, not necessarily just in the vehicle side, but producing more clean water, treating more water — those operations use electricity," said Young.

She said the City of Calgary is on track to make its 2020 emissions goal of 354.2 kilo tonnes of CO2 emissions, but if its wants to meet its 2050 goal, the city will have to take further measures.

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# Don't forget about Nepal, group says

RELIEF

## Charity aims to send food, blankets to 30,000 families



**Robson Fletcher**  
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Getting blankets and food to Nepalese earthquake survivors is the main goal of a Samaritan's Purse team on the ground in the mountains north of Kathmandu that includes Calgarian Bruce Piercy.

"That's what the greatest need is," said Piercy, the Asia projects director for the Canadian arm of the Christian relief and development organization. "People are getting pretty hungry and it's pretty cold at night."

The team, currently 28 members strong, aims to eventually deliver aid to 30,000 families

— an estimated 150,000 people altogether — but Piercy said it's slow going and tough slogging, given the terrain and the scale of the damage from the massive quake.

To put the challenge into terms Calgarians can visualize, Piercy offered an analogy.

"If you were to put the entire population of Alberta and British Columbia in Banff National Park and have them build houses near the tops of the mountains — that's logistically what we're up against," he said via cellphone from a small town in northern Nepal.

"I'm looking up at the hills and they look very much about the size of Sulphur Mountain and there's houses going all the way up to the top," he added.

"And that's where the worst-affected villages are."

It's not yet clear how they will reach numerous areas that remain cut off due to landslides or roadways that have collapsed, Piercy added, and the first people they reached had already been waiting for more than a week for outside aid to arrive.



**People are getting pretty hungry and it's pretty cold at night.**

Bruce Piercy

"Really it gives them hope when we show up," he said. "They're delighted by the aid we provide but I think they're more delighted that someone has come to help. And, of course, we're going to stick to this until all their basic needs are met."

Piercy said Calgarians can help by making donations to support the relief effort and by "not forgetting about Nepal" as time goes on.

"This is going to be months and months of effort over here," he said.



Members of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian relief and development organization, provided these photos of the aftermath of the Nepal earthquake. CONTRIBUTED

VANDALISM SPREE

## Calgary Transit wants public help



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

Smashed glass littered the nearby sidewalks of 35 Calgary transit bus shelters after a weekend vandalism spree — a few weeks after their awareness campaign against the criminal act was launched.

"That is simply unacceptable," said Brian Whitelaw, co-ordinator of public safety and enforcement for Calgary Transit, standing in front of one of their campaign posters on a shelter at Southland Drive and 24 Street SW.

"To have a spree like this like, that we did on the weekend, is pretty unsettling for us."

Calgary police are investigating, trying to find suspects for the acts of mischief, but have made an appeal to the public to help pinpoint the suspect or suspects.

"It certainly was a busy weekend," said Sgt. Phil Hoetger.

"What we rely on are tips from the public, unfortunately we weren't here when it happened ... if there's a residence or business with surveillance footage, that



Sgt. Phil Hoetger stands in front of a smashed bus shelter in the city's southwest. HELEN PIKE/METRO

can help us in apprehending these people."

Hoetger added the charge for smashing through shelters equates to charges like mischief, property damage and vandalism offences under the criminal code.

Whitelaw told reporters on his drive to the site he saw much more than just Calgary Transit targeted vandalism.

"It's graffiti on election signs, it's knocked over elec-

tion signs, there's evidence that there's a lot of activity going on at night, on the weekends," said Whitelaw.

He added since the launch of their bus shelter vandalism awareness campaign, Calgary Transit has been in talks with vendors to look at other glass options for the shelters, but noted that tempered glass tends to be the best for bus shelters when it comes to customer safety.

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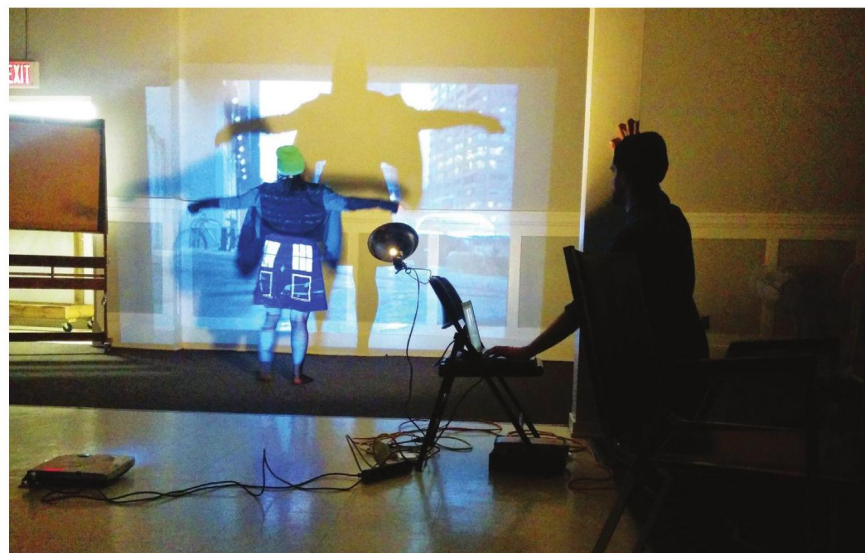


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Kira Smith at a workshop run by artist Kevin Jesuino through YOUTH Riot. CONTRIBUTED

## LGBTQ youth take centre stage

### THEATRE

### Playwriting program offers a safe space



**Anna Brooks**  
Metro | Calgary

A unique playwriting program is providing a safe space for queer youth to share stories.

Alyssa Bradac, director of the new YOUTH Riot program, said with a lot of schools lacking gay-straight alliances and even drama programs, YOUTH Riot offers theatre workshops geared toward queer youth.

"There are other playwriting programs for youth in Calgary, but not too many specifically for queer youth throughout the year," Bradac explained. "The realm of 'queer theatre' has been fairly limited over the last 20 to

30 years, and we're looking to expand that among our youth."

Operating under the Third Street Theatre umbrella, YOUTH Riot brings in professionals who work with young people on scriptwriting, character development and how to use a variety of artistic techniques to express themselves.

Kira Smith, 18, said she's cisgender, but is uncomfortable with the gender she was given at birth. A little nervous to join YOUTH Riot at first, Smith said it's been a great experience

feel at all like that here," Smith said. "It's a safe place where there are people like you in one way or another. No one is judging who you are, because this is a place where we come to get away from that."

Bradac added while YOUTH Riot provides a safe space for storytelling, it also gives youth tools for developing artistic practices and taking ownership of their stories.

"We wanted to do something a bit more three-dimensional," Bradac said.



**No one is judging who you are because this is a place where we come to get away from that.**

Kira Smith

working with people in a space where she can feel like herself.

"I've taken drama classes where it kind of feels like I'm being judged, but it doesn't

The culmination of YOUTH Riot's 12-week program will be a public performance at the Big Secret Theatre in Arts Commons May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Teen charged with cutting woman's throat in assault

A 17-year-old boy has been charged in relation to a violent sex attack in Lethbridge in which a woman's throat was cut.

Police say a 45-year-old woman was asleep Sunday when a male came in through a patio door and sexually assault her. The suspect allegedly dragged her outside where he continued the assault before cutting her throat and fleeing. The woman was taken to hospital where she is in stable condition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### TRAUMA

## Cyclist killed in Highway 7 collision

A male cyclist is dead after a highway crash southeast of Okotoks.

At approximately 3:50 p.m. Monday, paramedics from Okotoks and Nanton, local RCMP and fire crews were called to an area on Highway 7 between Okotoks and Aldersyde on reports that a car struck a cyclist.

The cyclist, believed to be in his 40s, was reportedly seen standing stationary on the side of the eastbound

lanes when he was struck by a vehicle.

Although STARS attended the scene, an EMS ambulance drove the patient to the South Health Campus where he was declared dead.

The driver of the car was not injured.

As of press time, RCMP were still on the scene conducting an investigation, and there was no additional information available.

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# Private school proponents fear NDP would cut funding

## EDUCATION

### Parents worry about schools if an 'orange crush' occurs



**Jeremy Nolais**  
Metro | Calgary

Parents with kids attending private and independent schools fear that if talk of an "orange crush" holds true and the Alberta NDP forms government it could spur changes to how their facilities are funded.

During the current campaign, NDP Leader Rachel Notley and crew have not made their stance clear on public dollars being funnelled to private facilities and declined to comment when asked on Monday.

But historically the party has voiced concern about financing

the schools, and NDP governments in other provinces have attempted to bring in changes.

"It's absolutely a concern of ours if they do change it," said Sandra Burns, a Calgary mother with two kids attending private school. "There's some views out there that private schools shouldn't get any public funding and I believe that's just wrong."

"If that ended up happening, I think you would see private schools closing and all of those kids would put more pressure on the public school system. Where are you going to put them?"

**\$226M**

Amount designated by the Tory government for private schools and early childhood service operators in the 2015 budget.

The Tory government designated \$226 million for private schools and early childhood services operators in its 2015 budget, a 1.6 per cent decrease from 2014. All told, the dollars provided account for about three per cent of Alberta Education's budget.

Figures from the province suggest there are more than 30,000 children attending private programs.

But the NDP are not alone in past criticism of such schools. Exiting Liberal education critic Kent Hehr has long criticized the teachings of certain religious schools and claimed that some private schools are "exclusionary."

During a recent editorial board with Metro, Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark said he would move to reduce taxpayer subsidization of private schools that "do not serve the public interest."

Clark did say certain private facilities, such as those



Alberta NDP Leader Rachel Notley holds a press conference in Edmonton on the last full day of campaigning Monday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

for special-needs students, still have a valuable role to play and he would keep supports for those intact.

Even if the NDP does come

into power, however, Duane Platinga, executive director of the Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta, isn't too worried. He

said the educational offerings his group represents spares the government about \$145 million annually if all those kids were attending public facilities.



Voters line up at the 2012 election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## ELECTION

### Advance polls show increased numbers



**Ryan Tumilty**  
Metro | Edmonton

Voters got out in big numbers during advance polls last week, according to Elections Alberta.

The agency reported 235,000 people cast ballots between Wednesday and Saturday last week, up from the 179,800 people who cast their ballots during advance polls in 2012.

Drew Westwater, a spokesperson for the agency, said the 30 per cent increase is great, but he also pointed out there was an extra day of voting this year.

"It was four days of advance poll voting," he said. "We only had three last time and we had

record turnout then."

Westwater said the increase doesn't necessarily mean there will be a big push Tuesday.

"Advance poll turnout does not indicate what voting day turnout is going to be like. We're certainly not expecting an increase of 30 per cent tomorrow," he said.

Westwater said they're ready regardless of how many people show up at the polls.

"We prepare for 100 per cent whether they show up or not, so that's what we are prepared for."

He said the supper hour tomorrow will be the busiest and he encouraged people to consider voting at a different time of day.

## IN BRIEF

### Accurate or way off, we still read opinion polls

According to the polls, a four-decade political dynasty could be toppled in Alberta Tuesday, but many observers say Alberta's election remains anyone's to win or lose.

So if they can't even tell us the provincial election outcome, what good are all those political public opinion surveys?

"Public opinion polls, political polls, are a staple of the democratic process all over the world," says Darrell Bricker, the CEO of Ipsos Public Affairs.

"Even in places that may not have clean water and reasonable houses for people to live in or reasonable health care, for some reason they still have public opinion polls."

The appeal of polls is undeniable.

As much as the political sophisticates sniff at the deluge of political surveys — showering social media criticism on the veracity, methodology, reliability or significance of any given poll — those measures of the public pulse are nonetheless ravenously consumed.

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Alberta Party volunteer Cassandra Raugust serves up some coffee at Purple Perk, one of many duties she's been tasked with in recent weeks. HELEN PIKE / METRO

# Pouring hearts and souls into campaign

## POLITICS

**Lots of work, no glory, cold calls and coffee part of the gig**

**Jeremy Nola**  
Metro | Calgary

They won't appear on a ballot and no one will chant their names Tuesday night as they journey onto a stage.

But some of the volunteers behind the four-week-long Alberta election campaign say the experience was worth it all the same, and if their candidate of choice is successful, that will serve as icing on the cake.

"This is the best experience of my life," said Cassandra Raugust, who's devoted hours each day to supporting Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark.

A mother of three, Raugust was laid off from her job the day before the writ was dropped and decided shortcomings in the education system were enough to get her involved with the campaign. She's been busy, putting in 10 hours a day and doing everything from serving coffee and making sandwiches to accompanying Clark as he strolled door-to-door in his Calgary-Elbow riding.

On Monday, Raugust was confident her effort and the effort of others would pay off with a victory.

"I got to be a party of changing history," she said.

Others, like Wildrose volunteer Chris Raes, have found the will to spend eight hours or more helping out after working their regular day job. He's a big believer in Calgary-Klein candidate Jeremy Nixon

and has assisted with organizing constituency outreach and other efforts.

Still, Raes admitted that a lot of coffee is consumed during the campaign slog and people like him don't get a lot of glory in return.

"It's funny I was just looking up on WebMD 'why is my eye twitching?'" he said Monday, learning it could be related to fatigue, stress or caffeine.

Elsewhere, 64-year-old Brenda Ingham has crossed an item of her bucket list, volunteering for the Joe Ceci NDP campaign in Calgary-Fort. Like Ceci, she's a social worker and while she was sold on him, it took some time for her to get comfortable with the backing the party as a whole.

Neither the Alberta Liberals nor PC party made a volunteer available for an interview with Metro.

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**This is the best experience of my life.**

Cassandra Raugust,  
Alberta Party supporter

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## MEETING OF THE MINDS

# Alberta Party leader, Calgary mayor meet for Monday chat

**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark says the province should borrow cash to complete two of three proposed flood-mitigation measures on the Elbow River as soon as possible to protect Calgary, as well as undertake upstream mitigation work on the Bow River.

"Alberta has the strongest balance sheet in the country; I think we can borrow the money," Clark told reporters Monday afternoon, after meeting with Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi to discuss ways to protect the city from future high-water events.

The flood that devastated the city in June 2013 marked the costliest natural disaster in Canadian history, but Clark said things "could have been an awful lot worse," as most of the flooding came from the Elbow River. "We got lucky in 2013," he



Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark speaks with Mayor Naheed Nenshi in the mayor's office on Monday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

said. "If the Bow (River) had flooded, we would have seen the Bow Tower, we would have seen Bankers Hall under water. Those companies would have been out of business for three, four, five, six months."

Clark said the province should build the Springbank reservoir immediately and commit to either the proposed dam at McLean Creek or the diversion

tunnel from the Glenmore reservoir to the Bow River.

Either of those latter two projects would be sufficient, along with the Springbank project, to adequately protect Calgary from high flows on the Elbow, Clark said.

He added he'd also like to see more serious proposals for upstream mitigation projects on the Bow River, as simply repurposing the existing TransAlta Ghost Reservoir hydro dam for flood protection won't be enough.

"As TransAlta has said, they've got a thimble and Mother Nature is pouring from a teapot," Clark said.

“**If the Bow had flooded, we would have seen the Bow Tower, we would have seen the bankers Hall under water.**

Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark





Former Justice Minister Jonathan Denis outside of the Calgary Courts Centre with his mother, Marguerite. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

# Denis clear of protection order

## COURT

### Allegations of abuse cost politician his Justice post



Morgan Modjeski  
Metro | Calgary

An emergency protection order (EPO) filed against former Justice Minister Jonathan Denis by his estranged wife has been revoked.

Filed against Denis and his mother Marguerite in late April by his estranged wife, Breanna Palmer, the initial application — which resulted in Denis' resignation from his cabinet post — alleged that Denis subjected her to verbal, emotional and family violence over the course of their relationship.

Over four days, a Court of Queen's Bench gallery heard how the couple's relationship eroded over the course of the last year.

On Monday, a judge ruled there wasn't enough evidence to find Palmer was in danger of family violence. Additionally, the publication ban on the proceedings was lifted.

Palmer painted a picture of Denis as an aggressive, controlling and troubled man, a portrait Denis said was completely untrue, telling the judge the

claims were carefully timed in an attempt smear his reputation ahead of Tuesday's election.

Court heard numerous allegations from Palmer, including that Denis had ripped a TV cord out of the wall, had bursts of rage, and even went as far as claiming that he owned Alberta's judges and the police.

There was also a point in the relationship when Palmer alleged Denis put her in a headlock and kneed her in the face while she was trying to perform an "intimate act" on him.

Denis denies that. He described the incident as an accident, saying he was woken up and startled, and apologized numerous times for involuntarily hitting her with his knee.

While it seemed there were several occasions when the couple's relationship was rocky and stressed — including what seemed like a confusing June proposal at the Alberta legislature, a rushed wedding, and troubled honeymoon in Honolulu — the EPO revolved around several days in April 2015.

The application from Palmer came following a series of

events between her and Denis at their Calgary home in mid-April when she was in the process of moving out. Palmer and friends helping her move ended up involved in a confrontation with Denis' mother Marguerite and Denis himself, court heard, although accounts of the incidents varied.

None of the allegations have been proven.



Breanna Palmer.  
MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Denis addressed media in the lobby of the Calgary Courts Centre on Monday.

"Today the court has totally thrown out the action against my mother, Marguerite, and I. It's been a very difficult week for me, my family and friends, but I'm grateful for all of the people across the province who contacted me," he said.

In court, Denis made it clear the relationship between he and Palmer was over.

"I don't want to see her again, I don't want to be married to her, but I wish her all the best in whatever she wants to do," he said.

After the proceedings, Breanna Palmer told reporters outside court that she was "disappointed" and declined further comment.

## ALBERTA ELECTION

# Lo quits over Facebook joke

Terry Lo, the Alberta Party candidate in Calgary-Glenmore who quit the Wildrose last year over concerns about bigotry within that party, resigned from his new party Monday after a screenshot of an offensive joke he repeated on Facebook in January surfaced on Twitter over the weekend.

"Although no harm was intended nor any desire to offend any ethnic or religious group existed, I apologize for any embarrassment a joke I unwittingly posted may have caused the Alberta Party and its leader," Lo said in a writ-

ten statement announcing his resignation.

The joke, which appears to have been posted in response to a Facebook thread asking users to cite the most offensive joke they've ever heard, makes "a priest and a rabbi" its subject matter. Metro won't repeat the rest.

It surfaced via a throwaway Twitter account with the handle "adamyorkii" that was apparently created with the sole purpose of posting a screenshot of Lo's Facebook post and bringing it to the attention of Postmedia columnists in

Alberta.

In his resignation statement, Lo described posting the joke on Jan. 7, before he joined the Alberta Party as a candidate in February, as an "error in my own judgment."

Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark accepted Lo's resignation, although it's too late to actually change the way Lo's name appears on ballots in Tuesday's election.

"No matter what context this joke was made in, it is unacceptable to me and to all Albertans," Clark said in a statement. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

## NELLIE MCCLUNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Not too young for democracy

They're not quite 18, but Calgary students are finding their own ways to get involved in the provincial election.

Carla Samuelson, Grade 6 teacher at Nellie McClung Elementary School, said students are casting ballots for the Student Vote provincial election Monday alongside more than 75,000 other students across Alberta.

Samuelson said Grade 6 students have spent the last two weeks researching Calgary-Glenmore riding candidates, having debates and studying all the different political parties.

With voting and democracy at the heart of the school's Grade 6 curriculum, Samuelson said it's important for students to understand early on their democratic rights and

responsibilities.

"We're really working with them on not just being engaged, but encouraging them to research the issues and not get caught up in political personalities or what other people are saying," Samuelson explained. "Hopefully they'll continue this on when they do vote at 18."

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# Students using art to deal with trauma

## MENTAL HEALTH

### How the Light Gets In exhibit runs to May 30



**Anna Brooks**  
Metro | Calgary

Tissue-paper collages, a wood-panel mural made of sand and stained-glass art dangling from the windows are just a few of the pieces encompassing the William Roper Hull School (WRHS) student art exhibit.

Art teacher Carole Bondaroff said the students at WRHS deal with severe behavioural and emotional problems. She's found art has been a highly effective tool when it comes to self-expression.

"These are very high-needs kids," Bondaroff said. "This is an opportunity for them to express themselves in a safe way. They come into the art room

and they know they belong."

George Ghitan, executive director for Hull Services, said the art exhibit — dubbed How the Light Gets In — also celebrates Children's Mental Health Day on May 7.

WRHS students have been faced with serious traumas such as neglect, sexual abuse and addictions. Ghitan said art has been an increasingly important form of therapy for the students.

"These kids experience a lot of trauma, and it really impacts their ability to grow and learn as individuals," Ghitan said. "Some of these art pieces really have depicted the horrors they've gone through. Children can't necessarily articulate their problems, and art therapy has been a great medium for that."

The WRHS exhibit is open to the public and runs from May 1 to May 30 at Artpoint Galleries and Studios in Ramsay.



**Students from William Roper Hull School smashed toy cars and put them in bottles on behalf of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for a student art exhibit.** ANNA BROOKS/METRO

## READING

### 'Roving story' lets you walk and learn



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary Reads, in partnership with Find It Calgary, has set up a way for readers to enjoy a stroll while devouring a local story at the same time.

Stacy Collyer, executive director of Calgary Reads, describes it as a "roving story." It's part of this week's Reading Town events in Inglewood and Ramsay, running from May 2 through May 9.

"It's 12 panels and takes about an hour," Collyer said. "This roving story, 24 hours a day it's out there for the whole seven days, and you start at the Alex centre ... and each of the panels then direct you to the next, and it's a walk through the neighbourhood."

The story, which was written for the Inglewood Ramsay community, is targeted toward an adult audience with its somewhat "big ideas" but can be enjoyed by most ages — especially if parents are willing to walk and talk

between stations.

"It has a pretty compelling message about the importance of community, and we're trying to inspire citizenry around the act of reading."

Collyer said Reading Town was held in Inglewood and Ramsay because of their "urban village" small-town feel.

The event is a way to energize reading as an activity for Calgarians.

"This movable story was really a way to get people wandering through the neighbourhood and have some exposure to some of the great businesses that are in Inglewood, some of the interesting real people that are in Inglewood and up into Ramsay, as well."

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To learn more about other Reading Town events, visit [calgaryreads.com](http://calgaryreads.com) and check out the calendar for May.

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# Trudeau announces economic platform



**Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau makes a policy announcement Monday during an event at a restaurant in Aylmer, Que.** ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## POLITICS

### Liberal leader plans tax hikes for wealthy, cuts for middle class

Justin Trudeau has unveiled the Liberal alternative to the Harper government's economic plan: hike taxes for the wealthiest one per cent to pay for more generous child benefits and an across-the-board income-tax cut for the middle class.

Under the Liberal proposal announced Monday:

- The 22-per-cent tax rate for anyone with a taxable annual income between \$44,701 and \$89,401 would be cut to 20.5 per cent.
- A new tax bracket of 33 per cent would be imposed on those with taxable incomes over \$200,000 a year. The current top bracket of 29 per cent would continue to apply to those

earning between \$138,586 and \$200,000.

A Trudeau government would also scrap Prime Minister Stephen Harper's universal child-care benefit and roll together two other existing child benefits into a single, more generous, monthly, tax-free "Canada child benefit." According to the Liberals, all families with kids under 18 and an annual income below \$150,000, or 90 per cent of families, would receive more under Trudeau's plan.

Monday's announcement is a reply to last month's Conservative pre-election budget, which pivots around twin measures to allow parents with children under 18 to split their income for tax purposes and to expand and enrich the universal child care benefit.

Trudeau has promised to scrap the \$2-billion parental income-splitting scheme, which critics have said will benefit less than 15 per cent of families, primarily the wealthiest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Bail for Khadr a threat to transfers: Feds

Granting bail to former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Omar Khadr while he appeals his war-crimes conviction in the United States threatens the entire system of international prisoner transfers, the federal government argues in new court filings.

The claim comes in material filed late Monday as part of Ottawa's 11th-hour attempt to block Khadr's release from prison — which could come as early as Tuesday evening.

"A lack of clarity in the international transfer process may jeopardize the system as a whole," the government states in documents obtained by The Canadian Press.

"(Khadr's) release unsettles the foundation of this system by introducing uncertainty and a lack of control over the manner in which Canadian offenders' sentences are enforced."

Despite having presented no such evidence at his bail hearing, the government also now argues that allowing Khadr out — given his long incarceration — presents a risk that is contrary to the public interest.

It does not elaborate on the nature of the risk but notes he has applied for parole in June.

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**Springing (Khadr) into the community ... poses an undue risk.**

The federal government, in court filings

On Monday, the government also filed its formal notice of appeal of the April 24 decision by Justice June Ross of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench granting Khadr bail. It wants the stay pending disposition of the case.

The last-ditch stay application, slated to be heard by a single Court of Appeal justice on Tuesday morning, says the government "will suffer irreparable harm" if the Toronto-born Khadr, now 28, is released.

In a statement, a Khadr support group denounced the government's "unrelenting vilification" of the prisoner and its "knee-jerk" appeal of every court decision favourable to him.

"The rights, freedom and liberties of all Canadians are diminished by the actions of this government," Free Omar Khadr Now said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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**ITALY SHIPS RESCUE THOUSANDS OF MIGRANTS AT SEA NEAR LIBYA** A child blows a kiss as migrants disembark from the Italian Navy frigate Bersagliere at the Reggio Calabria harbour, Monday. Italian rescue ships brought migrants by the thousands to Italy's southern ports, including a baby born aboard a navy vessel. In a three-day period ending Sunday, 6,771 survivors were rescued in the seas north of Libya, the coast guard reported Monday. Ten bodies were found Sunday on boats or in the sea. ADRIANA SAPONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## EARTHQUAKE

## Nepal calls for more international help

Nepal's government will need immense international support as the Himalayan nation begins turning its attention toward reconstruction in the coming weeks, in the wake of the devastating April earthquake, a top official said Monday.

Nepal is one of the world's poorest nations, and its economy, largely based on tourism, has been crippled by the earthquake, which left more than 7,300 people dead. While there

are no clear estimates yet of how much it will cost to rebuild, it will certainly be enormously expensive.

"In two to three weeks a serious reconstruction package needs to be developed, where we'll need enormous help from the international community," said Information Minister Minendra Rijal. "There's a huge, huge funding gap."

He also said foreign rescue workers were welcome in Nepal,

saying they could remain as long as they are needed.

Soon, he added, the nation will be shifting away from a rescue mode and "will be concentrating more on relief operations."

Since the April 25 earthquake, 4,050 rescue workers from 34 different nations have flown to Nepal to help in rescue operations, provide emergency medical care and distribute food and other necessities. The still-

rising death toll from the quake, Nepal's worst in more than 80 years, has reached 7,365, police said.

The World Food Program so far has dispatched food for 250,000 people in some of the hardest-hit areas, the spokesman for the UN secretary-general, Stephane Dujarric, told reporters Monday. The agency warned that basic aid is still needed, especially for people living without shelter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Gunmen ID'd in Texas attack

## DALLAS

### Shooters killed outside Prophet Muhammad cartoon contest

Since at least 2007, the FBI has been able to recognize the voice of Elton Simpson — one of the men suspected in the Texas shootings outside a contest featuring cartoons of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad.

Agents recorded the young man from Phoenix talking about fighting nonbelievers for Allah. About plans to travel to South Africa and link up with "brothers" in Somalia. About using school as a cover story for travelling overseas.

Simpson was arrested in 2010, one day before authorities say he planned to leave for South Africa. But despite more than 1,500 hours of recorded conversations, the government prosecuted him on only one minor charge — lying to a federal agent. Years spent investigating Simpson for terrorism ties resulted in three years of probation and \$600 in fines and court fees.

Then, on Sunday, two men whom authorities identified as Simpson and Nadir Soofi opened fire in a Dallas suburb on a security officer stationed outside the contest. The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation by name.

The deliberately provocative contest had been expected to draw outrage from the Muslim community. According to mainstream Islamic tradition, any physical depiction of the

Prophet Muhammad — even a respectful one — is considered blasphemous, and drawings similar to those featured at the Texas event have sparked violence around the world.

Simpson and Soofi were wearing body armour, and one shot the guard in the leg. A police officer returned fire and struck both men, killing them. The guard was treated for his injury at a hospital and released.

Simpson, described as quiet and devout, had been on the radar of law enforcement because of his social media presence, but authorities did not have an indication that he was plotting an attack, said one federal official familiar with the investigation. Less was known about Soofi who appeared to have never been prosecuted in federal court, according to a search of court records.

Simpson had worshipped at the Islamic Community Center of Phoenix for about a decade, but he quit showing up over the past two or three months, the president of the mosque told The Associated Press. A convert to Islam, Simpson first attracted the FBI's attention in 2006 because of his ties to Hassan Abu Jihaad, a former U.S. Navy sailor who had been arrested in Phoenix and was ultimately convicted of terrorism-related charges, according to court records.

In the fall of that year, the FBI asked one of its informants, Dabla Deng, to befriend Simpson and ask for advice about Islam. Over the next few years, Deng would tape his conversations with Simpson with a hidden recording device accumulating more than 1,500 hours of conversations, according to court records. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Watchdogs keeping eye on Apple's Beats

## STREAMING MUSIC

### Regulators fear aggressive tactics against competition

Apple appears to have raised the ire of anti-trust authorities as it prepares for the launch of its Beats music streaming service, according to reports.

Both the European Union's Competition Committee and the U.S. Department of Justice are reportedly watching the Cupertino, Calif.-based company, as it may be using aggressive

tactics with record labels to hamper the competition as it prepares to enter the market.

With the launch of Beats Music expected this summer, Apple is apparently trying to pressure music labels to not renew Spotify's licence to stream music through its free tier.

While Spotify has 60 million users, only 15 million are paid users of its \$10 a month service.

The Verge website reported that the according to multiple sources, the U.S. Department of Justice is tracking the company, which follows a New York Post report that European Union's Competition Commission has

launched a probe into the company's business practices. The New York Post says that Apple wanted to charge less than \$10 a month for its impending streaming service to undercut the competition, but couldn't make the pricing work.

The Verge also reported a source saying that Apple offered to pay Universal Music group the equivalent of what it gets from YouTube Licensing fee if it stopped putting its music up on the service.

YouTube is still where the majority of people go online to listen to music, and it has also launched a paid music tier service.

Ahead of Apple's Beats launch, Spotify is offering promotions in Canada in the hopes of growing its user base. The company is offering three months of its premium tier for 99 cents a month. Wireless company Fido is offering two years of Spotify premium for free as part of its Pulse plan promotions.

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## + SPOTIFY WOOLING CANADIANS

### City-themed playlists

Marketing Magazine reported that, in a bid to be seen as catering to local tastes, Spotify has unveiled a number of new Canadian city-themed playlists, in-

cluding Toronto.

Spotify created these playlists using the data it has showing what's popular in each of those cities, and added in tracks suggested by local influencers.



**LAS VEGAS AGING RIVIERA AGING NO MORE** A sign thanks customers outside the Riviera Hotel and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip, which shut down at noon Monday as the last few gamblers tried their luck on slots. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, which bought the building where Liberace and Frank Sinatra once were headliners, plans to tear it down and expand the Las Vegas Convention Center to the Strip. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Seniors filing for insolvency: Report

Seniors and those approaching retirement are making up a growing proportion of those filing for insolvency in Ontario and have bigger debts compared to younger people, a report said.

And while credit card debt makes up the largest portion for them, payday loans are a growing concern for seniors, said Doug Hoyes, co-founder of bankruptcy trustee firm Hoyes, Michalos & Associates Inc. which did the report.

Hoyes said the number of people filing for insolvency has been trending down in recent years, but use of payday and fast

cash style loans is on the rise.

Seniors were less likely to use payday loans at just nine per cent of those over 60 filing for insolvency with one, but those that did owed \$3,693 on average.

Hoyes said some of the growth in seniors filing for insolvency is due to more people reaching retirement as baby boomers get older. And while for some that has meant selling their home for a big profit and a comfortable retirement, for others, medical bills, job loss or divorce have crippled them financially, he said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## McDonald's mapping out turnaround plan

McDonald's wants to simplify, simplify, simplify — but also add a bunch of choices for customers to avoid growing stale.

CEO Steve Easterbrook said Monday that he will strip away the bureaucracy at McDonald's so the company can move more nimbly to keep up with changing tastes.

The overhaul comes after McDonald's saw its profit drop 15 per cent last year.

To help make the right chan-

ges more quickly, McDonald's said it's restructuring its business into four units.

McDonald's also said Monday that 90 per cent of its more than 36,200 restaurants around the world will be franchised over the next four years. That's up from 81 per cent, and will mean the company will rely more heavily on franchising fees and move away from the daily work of running restaurants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Buffett bets on IBM

Investor Warren Buffett says he remains confident in IBM's future, and his Berkshire Hathaway added to its stake in the technology firm earlier this year.

Buffett says he believes IBM will be making more money 10 years from now than it does today. Berkshire owns about 9 per cent of IBM's stock now.

Buffett says he thinks IBM will fare well in cloud computing and corporate services because of the level of security it offers with its products.

Buffett appeared on CNBC Monday morning after Berkshire Hathaway's annual meeting.

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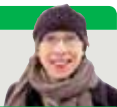
# How old is old enough for kids to go out on their own?

**Whether it's playing at the park or spending money at the Lego store, a bit of independence is good for the mental and physical health of kids age nine to 11, said Ryerson University professor Raktim Mitra. He studied 1,000 Grade 5 and 6 students wearing exercise monitors for a week in the Toronto area. Kids allowed to explore on their own were 14 to 19 per cent more active than those constantly supervised. Most provinces don't have a specific law, so it's up to parents to decide when a child is mature enough for solo adventures.**

## Explore your city at the pace of Jane's Walk

### YOUR RIDE

**Kimberly Jones**



This past weekend, you or someone you know may have gone on a Jane's Walk.

Jane's Walks are annual events in 180 cities on six continents where volunteer walk leaders take people on a "walking conversation" through their community or a place they know well. They tell people unique things about the area. More importantly, they encourage discussion amongst participants.

Jane Jacobs was a writer and urban activist who lived in New York, then Toronto. She is remembered for helping to mobilize communities to stop freeway developments in both those cities. Jacobs wasn't simply against

change though, she stood in the way of the car-oriented planning she saw as ruining the life on the street. She saw the street as the living room of the city, and an integral part of what makes a city work. She spoke of the sidewalk ballet, the movement on a healthy city street that was like an intricate, complicated dance. This complex movement required a healthy street life, a place that was good for people and not just automobiles.

The Jane's Walk movement was inspired in part by this quotation from Jane Jacobs: "No one can find what will work for our cities by looking at ... suburban garden cities, manipulating scale models, or inventing dream cities. You've got to get out and walk." She believed the people who live in communities know them best, and

they can and should contribute to planning for them. She didn't believe in top-down planning by people who don't truly understand the city or community. And to understand the community, she believed you must walk.

Jack Hope, who this year led a walk in Marda Loop and Garrison Woods, said he wanted to show a community planned with people in mind. He felt a walk was perfect for this subject as it gives people, "a chance to take in their surroundings and consider the place they're moving through beyond simply going from Point A to Point B."

You can't see the fine grain of a community from an automobile, separated by glass, going at high speeds.

Walking is the perfect speed to experience a city. Walking tours allow impromptu stops and meet-ups

with people along the way. Taking things at a slower speed allows for thought, dialogue, and attention to things not possible at high speed.

If you didn't make it out this year, you don't have to wait to see your community in a different way. Take a walk in your neighbourhood or a community that you enjoy. Think about what makes this a good place: to walk, to be, to live.

Take some friends with you and learn to look at our city at a more human scale. You may be surprised at what you discover.

**Kimberly Jones** has lived in Calgary for 35 years. She is a transportation advocate, particularly interested in walking and public transit, and studies urban issues and planning.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

### metroview

## Why would anyone go to a play about residential schools?

You might think you know about residential schools.

You've seen them in headlines since the Truth and Reconciliation Commission began unwrapping the individual horrors of the government's attempts to destroy indigenous culture. You know about the abuses, the tearing apart of families, the ripple effects of alcoholism, the violence and the poverty.

You know who was the victim and who was to blame. So you'd know what to expect if you went to see a play about it. And then, if that play is *God and the Indian*, you'd be disappointed.

In the play, now running in Toronto and headed to Vancouver later in the month, Johnny Indian confronts the priest she believed raped her as a child. And he denies it.

The priest, George King, and Johnny each battle to prove the other wrong. The audience acts like a jury, but if pressed we would declare ourselves hung. No one leaves the theatre innocent.

"Very few characters in history who are evil think they're evil," playwright Drew Hayden Taylor told me over the phone. He was busy preparing a dinner of stuffed peppers, "a traditional Ojibwe dish."

Yes, that's a joke. Taylor is a funny man, often writing plays and satires that capture what he calls indigenous "survival humour." As an elder

once told him, "Humour is the WD-40 of healing for native people."

It is also present in Johnny. "I guess it helps when you are the same race as God," she quips in the play. Another time she mentions getting pregnant with a man named Dick: "That's what happens with Dicks," she says.

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Taylor's comedic plays are subversive, he argues, because "the vast majority of my native characters aren't dysfunctional enough for mainstream audiences."

Even Johnny — homeless, mentally ill and physically unwell — is far more than a victim. But God and the Indian is subversive, too, in all the questions that it does not answer.

The trick of this play isn't what it tells you about residential schools — it's what it doesn't say about who is to blame. There is no justice. Despite her pleas, Johnny doesn't get a confession. Despite his denial, we don't know if the priest is innocent.

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## PHILOSOPHER CAT by Jason Logan







## Follow the Gold Record Road

Blues. Jazz. Country. Rock 'n' roll. Gospel. Southern Gospel. Cajun-zydeco. Soul/R&B. Bluegrass. Nine of America's most well-known music genres now have their own road map. Led by Nashville preservationist Aubrey Preston, a group of historians and music lovers came up with the Americana Music Triangle

The Associated Press

Stretching from Nashville to Memphis to New Orleans — and encompassing points in between — the Americana Music Triangle includes locations in the Deep South that helped birth of the musical genres, from Clarksdale, Miss., the home of blues masters Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker, to Muscle Shoals, Ala., site of the famed music studio where Aretha Franklin, the Rolling Stones and many others recorded songs.

Philanthropist Aubrey Preston hopes the triangle gives travelling music lovers, both foreign and domestic, a multi-state, Internet-based, interactive guide of the cradle of America's music, while also spurring enough interest for community leaders to preserve these spots for future educational and tourism op-



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### MUSIC CRADLE

#### Jazz, blues, rock and soul

Destinations are connected by the Gold Record Road, a 1,500-mile stretch of highway made up of Interstate 40 from Nashville to Memphis, Highway 61 — the Blues Trail — from Memphis to New Orleans, and the Natchez Trace Parkway from Nashville to Natchez, Miss. Travellers planning road trips can use a website as a guide, pinpointing destinations in the triangle and describing points of interest in more than 30 communities in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas.

portunities. State and local tourism officials hope much-needed dollars flow into their towns from travellers with cash to spend on restaurants, music shows, shops, and even gas stations and car washes.

"We're giving an anchor, a cloud of information ... that's easily accessible and connects places, stories, people and music to information that people can get from any place in the world," said Preston, whose last-minute purchase of Nashville's legendary RCA Studio A in October 2014 saved it from being torn down.

Events scheduled throughout this week in six cities will launch the Americana Music Triangle.

Historian Colin Escott says the triangle accurately spotlights locations that will draw people to the South: the jazz halls of New Orleans, the rock

of about 17,200 about one-and-a-half hours' drive south of Memphis. Clarksdale has seen its share of population loss, poverty, troubled schools and blight, like other small towns in the triangle.

But, in recent years, the city has tried to boost its agricul-

n' roll and soul studios of Memphis, the cotton plantations of the Mississippi Delta.

"People do seem to want to touch something that's real," said Escott, co-writer of the book and musical Million Dollar Quartet and contributor to the triangle project.

"They love this music throughout the world, and it is like a universal currency."

A city

**“People do seem to want to touch something that's real. They love this music throughout the world, and it is like a universal currency**

Historian Colin Escott

ture-driven economy with tourist spending and the sales taxes it generates. Downtown has seen an increase in restaurants and accommodations like loft apartments, and population appears to be growing. Tourists from overseas are making more frequent treks to Clarksdale, according to Mayor Bill Luckett and co-owner of Ground Zero Blues Club.

"Pulling this project off will be a tremendous help to this whole region," Luckett said. "It puts money in this economy that wasn't here before."

Luckett says promoting tourism does not exploit the city's more disadvantaged residents, some of whom may resent that so much attention is being paid to tourists while they struggle.

"There are some people who are going to express some resentment. I read it, I hear it,"

Luckett said. "Frankly, it's unfair and untrue."

Tourism and civic leaders in each location are encouraged to direct tourists to other spots on the trail, even if they are in another state. This sets the project apart from government-run initiatives that won't promote tourism experiences outside their purview.

The project's supporters hope that, as more people are drawn to these locations, governments, philanthropists and non-profits will move to preserve the sites and increase opportunities for musicians.

"If you have more regular (visitor) traffic, then you can start to have more music," said Roger Stolle, owner of the Cat Head Delta Blues & Folk Art store in Clarksdale. "It not only means that venue is going to be there for a long time, but it gives a reason for musicians to be there."



Omar Gordon, 24, plays the guitar outside the Cat Head Delta Blues & Folk Art store in Clarksdale, Miss., the home of Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker. ADRIAN SAINZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## IN BRIEF

**Sleepwalking runs in families**

Did you sleepwalk when you were a kid? Still do it occasionally? If so, chances are your children will do it, too.

A new study adds support to the growing belief that behaviours like sleepwalking and sleep terrors run in families.

Researchers at Montreal's Centre for Advanced Research in Sleep Medicine report that the offspring of parents with a history of sleepwalking are between three and seven times more likely to sleepwalk than other children.

The likelihood rises if both parents are or were sleepwalkers.

The work also draws a link between sleep terrors and sleepwalking, suggesting as many as one-third of children who had night terrors when they were very young will have sleepwalking incidences later.

The findings are published in the journal JAMA Pediatrics.

AFP

# The agony of eggs-tacy

## DATING

## Reader tries to decipher the meaning of brunch post one-night stand

## URBAN ETIQUETTE

Ellen Vanstone



Dear Ellen

A year after a breakup with my common-law partner, I finally made the decision to start dating. I met this nice guy and we had a good time. Maybe I was a bit too eager, you know, after not dating for a year, but I ended up "sleeping over."

The next morning we went for brunch together. Having been out of the dating scene for a few years, I wasn't sure about the etiquette.

Who should pay in a situation like this? Do you go Dutch or does it mean something else if one of you picks

up the bill? Also, is brunch just a way he was able to get me out of his apartment (maybe this was a one-night stand), or was it a signal that he's interested and wanted to spend some more time getting to know me more?

Just trying to understand the nuances of modern dating.

— Christopher, Toronto

Dear Christopher,

Let's address the easy part first: Who pays? Answer: You should offer to pay if you did the inviting; offer to go Dutch if he did.

As for everything else (i.e., "is it brunch or true love?"), many advice-givers will tell you: "Don't over-analyze" or "Take it slow and see what happens" or "Careful not to set yourself up for massive disappointment" — but rest assured, I am not one of them.

I like to give advice a person can actually follow, like:

"Spend every waking minute obsessing about how the date went," and "Check your phone repeatedly for any sign of communication," and "Pour your heart into an excruciatingly



If a one-night stand has brunch with you the next day, does this mean it's true love? ISTOCK

detailed romantic fantasy about the two of you."

The thing is, Christopher, if you like this guy, you're going to do all this crazy stuff, anyway, so why waste time pretending you're not? See? My brilliant advice has just saved you hours of pointless

self-chastisement, which you can now spend in a dreamy delusional haze that hurts no one except, well ...

OK, yes, you probably are setting yourself up for massive disappointment. But suffering is a part of life! And this kind of luxurious emotional agony

is a privilege at any age.

The only real downside is that it may temporarily skew your musical tastes (Someone Like You on endless loop, anyone?).

In the meantime, the pre-agony ecstasy is there for the taking, my man. Go for it.

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## COOKBOOK

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## WEB ACCESS

### Zuckerberg's Internet.org now open to all developers

Mark Zuckerberg is calling upon developers everywhere to contribute to his Internet.org initiative, which aims to bring free web access and a range of online services to some of the world's most remote populations.

Created by the Facebook co-founder in 2013, Internet.org is a global initiative involving tech companies (Ericsson, Mediatek, Opera,

Samsung, Nokia, Qualcomm), non-profit groups, local communities and experts with the goal of bringing internet access to the two-thirds of the world's population still living without it.

For the time being, the initiative consists merely of an app for entry-level smartphones, available in a handful of countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Through local partnerships, the app provides access to basic

services such as messaging, educational resources and health resources, all free of cost and without advertising.

Of course, Facebook is one of the services offered, and this has led to accusations that Zuckerberg's app flouts the principle of net neutrality, essentially directing users straight to the social network. In response to criticism, the Facebook CEO has uploaded a video announcing how he plans to

bring the project more in line with net neutrality, namely by opening the project to all developers, as long as their websites are light and basic (without Flash and JavaScript, for example).

Interestingly, just as Google is seeking to connect the world through balloons (see the Loon project), Facebook is looking into the possibility of a system of solar-powered drones as part of its Internet.org initiative. AFP

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# Princess' life won't be fairy tale



Royal fans hold up a sign reading "it's a princess" as they celebrate following the announcement of the birth of Princess Charlotte. Some in Britain have criticized the level of gender stereotyping with the royal birth. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## ROYAL BIRTH

### Despite progress, Charlotte will still face sexism

William and **Kate's** new daughter is the first British princess who won't face royal discrimination because she's a girl, but her life won't be without challenges.

Thanks to a change in the centuries-old rules of royal succession, if **Princess Charlotte** has a younger brother, he won't overtake her in line to the throne.

But in a world where girls are encouraged to embrace pretty-pink princess imagery from birth, the royal daughter born Saturday is bound to face a level of scrutiny her elder sibling Prince George won't have to worry about.

Claudia Joseph, author of William and Kate's Britain, said that as a future king, third-in-line-to-the throne George can expect a life of "duty and responsibility."

His sister "will have a more carefree life, but on the other hand, we live in a world obsessed with looks. Nearly every woman nowadays is constantly under scrutiny."

The experience of Kate — and, even more, of the baby's late grandmother, **Princess Diana** — suggests the level of interest the princess can expect.

Every outfit, every hairstyle, will be recorded, commented on, copied.

Royal historian Robert Lacey said princesses face a different burden than princes.

"There's so much enduring sexist comment," he said. "It remains legitimate for the media — and social media even more — to comment on women's dress and appearance."

"And the coverage veers so precipitously from adulation to scorn. **Beatrice and Eugenie** are examples of that."

Prince Andrew's daughters became media figures of fun for wearing elaborate fascinators to Kate and William's wedding in 2011.

Even her name, announced Monday by her parents, was the subject of much speculation.

The royal birth was greeted with an explosion of pink, as Tower Bridge and other London landmarks were bathed in magenta light.

Not everyone was delighted. "Are we really still in the 1950s with gender norms?"

tweeted Laura Sheldon, 16.

"I don't like the way the media are emphasizing the baby is a girl and companies exploiting this in their marketing," Sheldon said in an email. "The whole 'pink for girls' and 'blue for boys' thing is so outdated and too conservative for what should be a progressive society."

Still, society has changed enormously in the past few decades — and so has the royal family.

For centuries, the law gave preference to male heirs, so a first-born princess would be leapfrogged in the succession by a younger brother. As a result, there have been some 35 kings of England since the Norman Conquest in 1066, but only seven queens.

In 2011, the leaders of Britain and the 15 former colonies that have the Queen as their head of state agreed to establish new rules giving female children equal status with males in the order of succession.

It took several years to amend the statutes, some of them centuries old. The Succession to the Crown Act came into effect in March, just in time for the new princess.

She becomes fourth in line to the throne, pushing Prince Harry down to fifth. The change means she'll keep her position even if she has a younger brother, though if George has children one day, they'll move ahead of her. It's a small step, perhaps,

but it symbolizes a more modern, equal-opportunity monarchy.

While royal duty, celebrity, and questions of security will affect the princess' career choices, there's nothing to stop her from joining the military, as her father and uncle did, or becoming a search-and-rescue helicopter pilot like her dad.

"I think the royal family has changed a lot over the last few decades, and William and Kate are very 21st century," Joseph said. William is a more engaged, hands-on parent than his father, Prince Charles, or ancestors.

**Queen Elizabeth II and her sister Princess Margaret** were educated at home, but the baby princess can expect to mingle with non-royals at an ordinary — though expensive — school, attend university and have a career.

"I'm sure (the princess) will inherit Kate's evident love of photography and art. And she has an older brother — I'm sure she's going to love 'boys' toys,' too." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## 'We need to raise it a level'

### NHL PLAYOFFS

### Flames are lame ducks on offence, trail series 2-0

The Calgary Flames believe they can turn their series with the Anaheim Ducks around if they rekindle their scoring touch at home.

The Flames scored just once in two games at the Honda Centre and headed home trailing the Ducks 2-0 in the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal.

"There are scoring chances out there," Flames head coach Bob Hartley said Monday upon his team's arrival at Calgary International Airport. "A little bit more focus, a little bit more quickness on retrieving pucks and we're going to get that red light on."

Game 3 on Tuesday and Game 4 on Friday will be the first second-round playoff games at the Scotiabank Saddledome since 2004. Game 5, if necessary, is Sunday in Anaheim.

The Ducks dominated Calgary 6-1 in the series-opener and also in the first period of Sunday's Game 2.

Above-and-beyond goaltending from Calgary goaltender Karri Ramo held Anaheim to one goal in the opening 20 min-

utes. The Flames then recovered to play their best periods of the series in the second and third.

So despite the 3-0 loss, which the Ducks sealed with an empty-net goal, the Flames returned to Calgary with a measure of recovered confidence.

"I thought we played better in the second half, but we need to raise it a level," assistant captain Kris Russell said. "Especially offensively, we've got to get another gear here."

The plot in Calgary heading into Tuesday is whether Hartley continues to shuffle forward lines on the fly in an attempt to heat up the offence.

Calder Trophy finalist Johnny Gaudreau spent most of Game 2 on the third line alongside centre Mikael Backlund and winger David Jones before reuniting with Sean Monahan and winger Jiri Hudler in the third period.

Sam Bennett, who has Calgary's only goal so far in this series, started Sunday's game in Gaudreau's place on the No. 1 line.

"We were trying to generate some offence and get some goals," Hartley said. "This organization pays me to make decisions and I will try everything I can in order to give our team a chance to win."

"We didn't get the results, but I saw some good play from everyone."

Hartley confirmed Monday



Ducks goalie Frederik Andersen stops a wraparound shot by Flames defenceman Dennis Wideman in Anaheim on Sunday.

JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

that 18-year-old Bennett will play his 10th NHL game Tuesday, which means the first year of his entry-level contract officially kicks in.

Ramo will get his second start of the playoffs Tuesday following the Finn's 31-save performance, including 19 stops in Sunday's first period.

Whoever plays on Calgary's top forward line will get a face full of Anaheim's counter unit

**"We're going to go into a lively building that's going to be rocking. Our group does a pretty good job of calming themselves and doing the things we need to do."**

Ducks captain Ryan Getzlaf

of Ryan Kesler, Matt Beleskey and Jakob Silfverberg. That Ducks trio has been effective neutralizing Monahan's line

while inflicting damage of their own.

Hudler and Monahan have a combined six shots and no

goals between them, while Beleskey scored in both games in Anaheim.

Smaller, fleetier Calgary has missed the intimidating presence of power forward Michael Ferland, who was a major factor in their six-game series with Vancouver in the first round.

Ferland left in the first period in Game 1 in Anaheim with an undisclosed injury and was a scratch Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Holtby the hero for Caps

## NHL PLAYOFFS

### Washington takes 2-1 series lead over New York Rangers

Braden Holtby made 30 saves Monday night for his second career playoff shutout and Jay Beagle scored his first goal of this post-season, giving the Washington Capitals a 1-0 victory over the New York Rangers.

Washington has a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Alex Ovechkin was held without a goal for the first time in the series. It was one of the Capitals' less-heralded players, Beagle, who put the puck past Henrik Lundqvist on a second-effort, deflected shot 7-1/2 minutes into the second period.

Holtby was at his glove-catching best, including stopping Martin St. Louis on a 1-on-1 six minutes after Beagle scored, and the crowd chanted the goalie's last name at the final buzzer.

Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is at Washington on Wednesday night.

## GAME 3 In Washington



nesday night.

This was the type of nail-biter the Rangers play: They have participated in 10 consecutive playoff games decided by one goal, an NHL record.

And in seven of its eight games in this year's playoffs, New York has allowed two goals or fewer.

But under first-year coach Barry Trotz, and with Holtby matching Lundqvist save for save, the Capitals are proving just as adept at this sort of tight, low-scoring hockey.

Despite getting outshot 30-22, the Capitals did manage stretches of sustained pressure in the Rangers' zone, including leading up to the only goal. And the score came from a surprising source: the line of Beagle, Troy Brouwer and Andre Burakovsky. They had zero goals through Washington's first nine games of this post-season.

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The Capitals' Marcus Johansson hits Rangers defenceman Marc Staal into his bench during Game 3 of their Eastern Conference playoff series in Washington on Monday night.

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## IN BRIEF

### Pacquiao may be in trouble for not disclosing injury

Manny Pacquiao could face disciplinary action from Nevada boxing officials for failing to disclose a shoulder injury before his fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. Nevada Athletic Commission chairman Francisco Aguilar said Monday that the state attorney general's office will look at why Pacquiao checked "no" a day before the fight on a commission questionnaire asking if he had a shoulder injury. "We will gather all the facts and follow the circumstances," Aguilar said.

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### Martin drives Toronto to victory over Yankees

Pinch-hitter Russell Martin drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning as the Toronto Blue Jays slipped past the New York Yankees 3-1 on Monday.

Knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (1-3) pitched eight innings for Toronto (13-14), giving up one run on three hits and three walks. Third baseman Josh Donaldson went 2-for-4, scoring one run for the Blue Jays. Brett Cecil earned the save. Starter Chase Whitley (1-0) struck out six over six shut-out innings for New York (16-10). He allowed six Toronto hits as the Yankees held on to a 1-0 lead for eight innings.

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### Canada gives Czechs six of the best at worlds

Jordan Eberle and Taylor Hall each had a goal and an assist Monday as Canada downed the Czech Republic 6-3 to stay perfect at the world hockey championship. Sean Couturier, Tyler Seguin and Sidney Crosby also scored for Canada (3-0-0), which got 22 saves from Mike Smith and sits atop Group A with nine points. Tyler Toffoli added a goal into an empty net to go along with an assist. Martin Erat, Martin Zatovic and Vladimir Sobotka replied for the host Czechs (1-1-1).

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Jan Hejda of the Czech Republic challenges Canada's Sidney Crosby

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## NBA PLAYOFFS

### Rose blooms, Bulls win in Love-less Ohio

Derrick Rose scored 25 points and Pau Gasol added 21, leading the Chicago Bulls to a 99-92 victory over the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Monday night.

Looking like the MVP he was before being slowed by knee injuries, Rose helped the Bulls swipe home-court advantage from the Cavs, who were missing starters Kevin Love and J.R. Smith.

Jimmy Butler added 20 points and banked in a contested jumper with 30 seconds left as the Bulls closed it out.

## GAME 1 In Cleveland



Kyrie Irving scored 30 points and LeBron James added 19 and 15 rebounds for Cleveland, playing its first game since Love — one of the Cavs' Big 3 — who is lost for the remainder of the post-season with a shoulder injury.

Game 2 is Wednesday night.

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Kyrie Irving, left, had 30 points to Derrick Rose's 25 on Monday, but the Bulls stole Game 1 in Cleveland.

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## RECIPE Almond Butter Glazed Salmon with Panko Sesame Crust



### EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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#### Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 12 minutes

#### Ingredients

- 1½ Tbsp almond butter
- 1 Tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp mirin or sweet rice wine vinegar
- 1 tsp honey
- ½ tsp minced ginger
- ½ tsp minced garlic
- ½ tsp hot sauce
- 1½ lb salmon or tilapia
- 1/3 cup panko bread crumbs
- 2 Tbsp chopped or sliced almonds
- 1 tsp sesame seeds
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- Salt

#### Directions

**1.** Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with vegetable oil.

**2.** In a small bowl, combine almond butter, soy sauce, mirin, honey, ginger, garlic and hot sauce until smooth. Place fish on baking sheets and spread sauce over top.

**3.** In a small bowl, combine panko, almonds, sesame seeds, oil and salt. Sprinkle over fish and bake for 12 minutes or just until cooked.

#### Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 4)

- Calories 288
- Protein 30.5 g
- Carbohydrates 10.5 g
- Fat 12.9 g

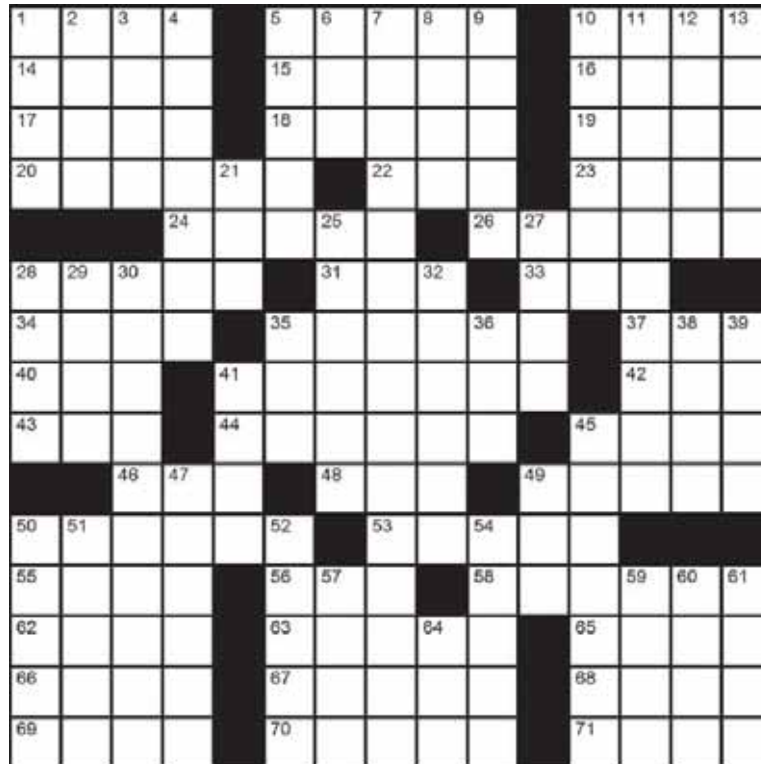
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Cinco de \_\_ (Annual commemoration celebrating Mexico's 1862 victory over France in the Battle of Puebla)
5. Canadian superhero team from Marvel Comics, \_\_ Flight
10. Medieval chest
14. Cain's sibling
15. Wilt
16. Not nice
17. Ruben's "American Idol" runner-up
18. Face value, as per stocks: 2 wds.
19. Sound of disgust, comics-style
20. Writer Mr. Melville
22. 'Press' suffix
23. Web addresses, commonly
24. Move as a hungry lion
26. " \_\_ \_\_, how are you and stuff?"
28. Nonsense
31. Use up
33. Maiden name indicator
34. Pub orders
35. Sarah's "Sex and the City" role
37. Sound setting [abbr.]
40. "Everything \_\_" by Bush
41. Canadian actress Amanda known as the 'Grand Empress of Sci-Fi' to her fans
42. Time
43. Forever, practically
44. Windbreaker



45. Movie's work force
46. Listener
48. Festive drink
49. Stone worker
50. Weekend trip bag
53. Commence
55. Creatures of folklore

56. Caesar's 2050
58. Radiated
62. Relax
63. Brasserie beverage
65. Postal \_\_
66. Use adhesive
67. "St. \_\_ Fire" (1985)
68. \_\_ socks

69. Liturgical vestments
70. Ms. O'Donnell
71. Mail

### DOWN

1. Speed of sound, \_\_ 1
2. Adept
3. Birthdate info

7. Leonard Cohen's current Juno-winning album: 2 wds.
8. Rime
9. After: French
10. Hospital vial [var. sp.]
11. Labrador dogs
12. Shower sealant
13. Fennel-like flavour
21. Branch
25. Sword or missile
27. Blood type, \_\_ \_\_
28. Smog
29. Margarine
30. CKC = Canadian \_\_
32. Battlefield medic's prioritizing
35. Fire
36. Pen's content
38. Nabisco cookie
39. Yard's spread of grass
41. Does some road work
45. Cute-style Canadians
47. Grocery store lanes
49. Stir
50. Russian river
51. On \_\_ \_\_ (Is winning)
52. Fireplace smoulderer
54. V-formation fliers of Canada
57. Venus de \_\_ (Ancient statue)
59. Finished
60. Utopia
61. Home title proof
64. French queen's mate

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**♈ Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You may be able to do anything but that does not mean you have to do everything. Decide what it is you are really good at and commit yourself to it 100 per cent.

**♉ Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Some people think you are lazy but that's far from the truth. It's just that you see no point exerting yourself for things that are of no importance. It's better to be ambitious about one thing than lukewarm about many things.

**♊ Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Under no circumstances agree to do someone else's work for them today. Yes, of course, you would most likely make a better job of it but that's not the point.

**♋ Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
You know what you want and you know where to get it, so why do you hesitate? Maybe it's because you fear you don't have the right to just take it. You know what they say: possession is nine-tenths of the law.

**♌ Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
With Jupiter in your sign you feel you can do as you please, and to an extent you are right, but there may still be long-term consequences.

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Don't overdo it physically today. It may be true that no effort is too much for you while the Sun moves through your fellow Earth sign of Taurus, but you have limits like everyone else and if you go too far you could regret it.

**♎ Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Friends will make all sorts of promises over the next 24 hours but if you expect them to deliver you may be disappointed.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
If something no longer works for you the way it once did, then get rid of it. That may sound ruthless but this is no time for sentiment, still less for taking risks with your long-term security. Don't cling to the past.

**♐ Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Don't tie yourself down to set aims and objectives over the next 24 hours because it is highly likely that things will change fast and you will have no choice but to change with them.

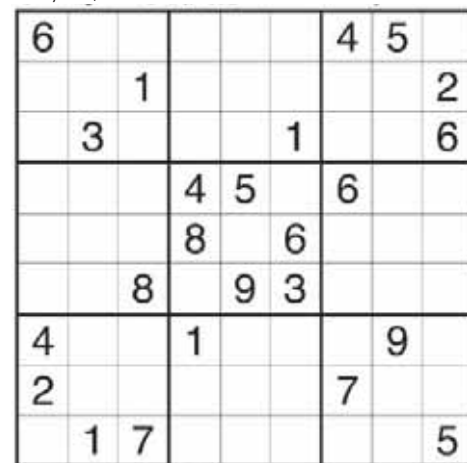
**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Are you feeling lucky? Hopefully you are because your state of mind will very much dictate what you gain, or lose, today. If you believe that you deserve the best then you will get it.

**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You will clash with someone today who is as different to you as it is possible to get. Don't waste time trying to find some common ground between you - it does not exist.

**♓ Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Your mind may be full of big ideas right now but you must keep your feet on the ground. Don't commit yourself to new projects unless you know you will have the time to do them justice.

### CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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